

Appl. No. 10/606,740
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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 2-6 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has restricted the claims to the allowable subject matter in an effort to expedite the early allowance of the application.

Claim 1 has been amended by adding the limitations from allowable claim 3 which thereby makes claim 1 allowable. Claims 3 and 7 have been canceled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to change the dependency from canceled claim 3 to claim 1. The claims now remaining in the application are claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8. Applicant most respectfully submits that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

The rejection of claims 1-2, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wang has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed. In view of the amendments to the claims and the cancellation of claim 7, it is believed that the rejection herein has been obviated and it is therefore most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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